

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES # 1**  
**PROJECT NO. F10R5200281**  
**NetworkMaryland Fiber Path and Parole Tower Fiber Spur**  
**June 29, 2005**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This List of Questions and Responses #1 is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named IFB. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements, which are stated in the following questions of potential bidders, are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the IFB. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

1. **QUESTION:** Can the State provide any boring reports that show the geotechnical soil conditions?

**ANSWER:** The State did not perform any test pits for this project to verify the soil conditions. This is normally performed if there is a high risk of rock. It is believed that the soil conditions are favorable for this project.

2. **QUESTION:** Do the Manholes have to be the split type?

**ANSWER:** The Manholes do not have to be two-piece, a one-piece is acceptable if it reduces cost and delivery time.

3. **QUESTION:** Is the State providing the couplers for the conduit as well as the conduit itself?

**ANSWER:** The State is not providing the couplers for the conduit.

3. **QUESTION:** If the Contractor encounters rock, will there be compensation?

**ANSWER:** Please see Section 28. Differing Site Conditions/ Site Investigation in Attachment A – Contract of the IFB.